

# Scrip Talk

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# National Scrip Collectors Association

The **National Scrip Collectors Association** was officially organized on October 21, 1972 in Fayetteville WV. The objectives and purposes of the organization are to promote the collection of coal company scrip and related tokens, to cultivate good relations between collectors of scrip tokens, and to encourage the study and research of the history of coal mining companies as it relates to the usage of scrip tokens.

In the late 1970's the scope of the **NCSA** was broadened to include tokens from other industries; including lumber, phosphate, hard rock, limestone, copper, gold & silver, brick & clay, cotton & textile, paper, iron & steel, agricultural, and others.

The first issue of *Scrip Talk* was published in 1965, and it continues today as the official newsletter for members of the **NSCA**. It exists not only as a source of information for its members, but as a forum where they can share items of interest. Please feel free to submit or suggest articles for future publication.



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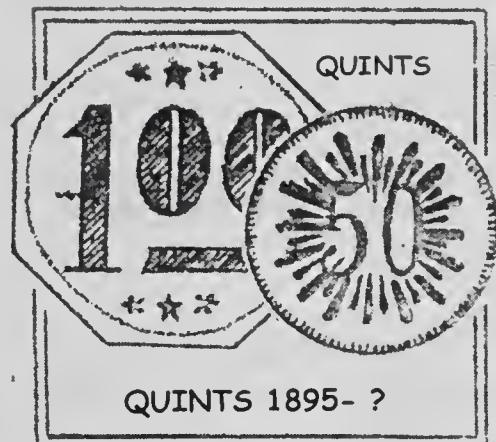
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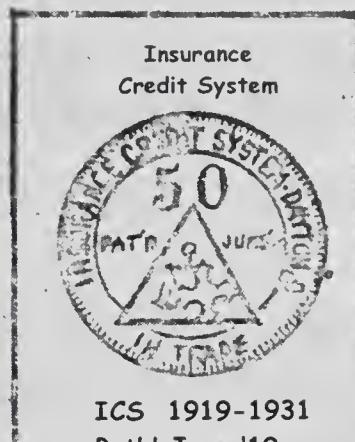
# THE SCRIP-IDENT CHART

The Dodrill Scrip-Ident chart is a valuable tool to estimate the issue date of scrip by identifying reverse dies and the companies that used them.

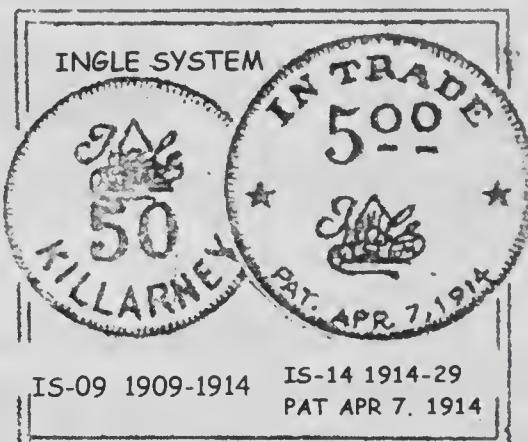
*A special thanks to Steve Cawood for suggesting *Scrip Talk* reprint this chart. We'll rerun it on a regular basis.*



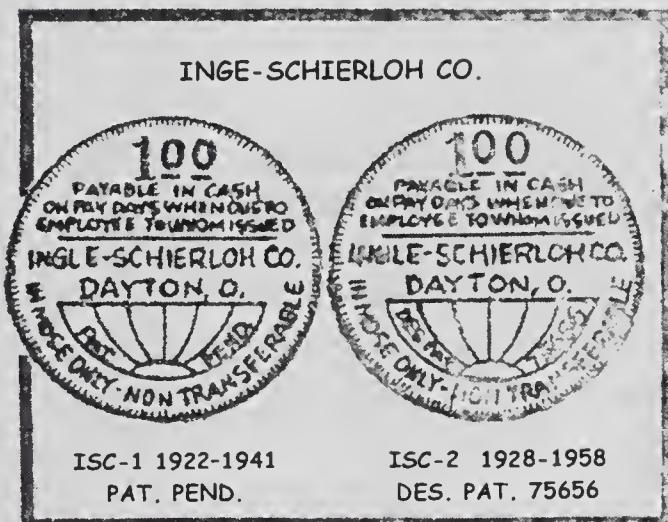
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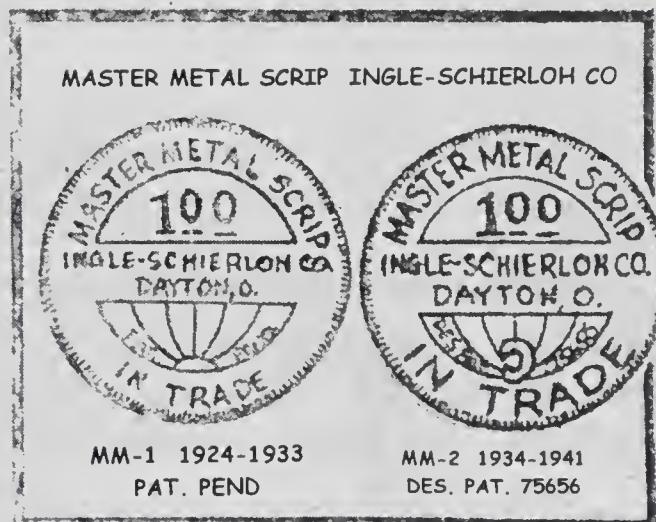
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# 2005 Spring Meeting & Scrip Show

**April 29 & 30, 2005**

**Beckley Comfort Inn 1909 Harper Rd Beckley, WV 25801 888-259-8542**

The word is spreading in Beckley that the NSCA is coming to town! The hotel has been booked for us, promotional plans are in place, and the event promises to be a great time for everyone—make your reservation soon!

The meeting begins Friday, the 29<sup>th</sup>, at 6:00 p.m. with a free meal supplied by the NSCA and scrip business beginning in the hotel conference room at 7:00.

The hotel will supply a complimentary continental breakfast Saturday morning, the 30<sup>th</sup>, with activity to continue from 8:00 a.m. until 2:00.

Mention the **National Scrip Collectors Association** when calling to make your reservation, to receive our special rate. Feel free to invite a friend to join you, as well. You may contact Jim Singleton [304-442-8214] if you would like to rent a table to display and sell at the show.

The Beckley area is known for its hospitality and many points of interest. Call the Southern West Virginia Convention and Visitors Bureau [800-847-4898] for a free visitors' guide to the area.

**\*NOTE\***: The Association needs an auctioneer for both the show and for future auction listings in **Scrip Talk**. Please let us know if you would be interested!

## DIRECTIONS

The Comfort Inn is only 1/2 mile east of the West Virginia Turnpike, I-77 & I-64, at Exit 44. Look for the hotel on the right side of the road.

Thanks to all you bidders.

I had a successful auction.

Hope you bid again

**JACK CHAPMAN'S THIRTY-DAY SCRIP AUCTION**

<b>Starting Date</b>	<b>1/5/05</b>		<b>Ending Date</b>	<b>2/5/05</b>	
<b>Lot #</b>	<b>Scrip #</b>	<b>Company and Town</b>	<b>R rating</b>	<b>Condition</b>	<b>Min. bid</b>
1	WV239B10	NR & P Stores, Berwind, WV	R-9	very fine	\$20.00
2	WV2225B5	Andy Bartus Store, Pine Bluff, WV	R-9	very fine	\$30.00
3	WVG5A	Gaston Coal Co., Alpoca, WV (1 exploder)	F	very fine	\$25.00
4	KY1103C100	Gatliff Coal Co., Gatliff, KY	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
5	KY1635A1A	Perkins Harlan Coal Co., Liggett, KY	R-4	very fine	\$5.00
6	KY309Q500	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Blue Diamond, KY	R-7	fine	\$15.00
7	WV2147A5	Coal River Co., Ottowa, WV	R-7	very good	\$10.00
8	TN601H25	Southern Collieries, Inc., Coal Creek, TN	R-4	fine	\$5.00
9	WVmerchant10cent	Jacob Frame & Co., Gassaway, WV		very fine	\$10.00
10	ME280A1	Johnson Lumber Co., Dedham, ME	R-3	very fine	\$10.00
11	WVmerchant25cent	E.M. Norman & Co., Shaw, WV		very fine	\$20.00
12	MD2669A50	Aberdeen Supply Co., Styer, MD	R-10	AU	\$45.00
13	KY673A25	River Ridge Collieries, Cote, KY	R-8	very fine	\$15.00
14	KY389A500	Gibraltar Coal Co., Brownie, KY (bimetal)	R-9	AU	\$25.00
15	KY1755E1	Green Silvers Coal Corp., Malcomson, KY	R-7	very good	\$15.00
16	WV259B50	Ferrell Coal Co., Big Creek, WV	R-8	AU	\$20.00
17	KY193F500	Kirk Mercantile Co., Beech Creek, KY	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
18	KY839A25	East Harlan Coal Co., Draper, KY	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
19	KY1331A25	Morning Glow Coal Co., Hima, KY	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
20	KY1355B5	Gorman Coal Sales, Hot Spot, KY	R-8	fine	\$20.00
21	KY3077A1A	McKinney Steel Co., Wolf Pit, KY	R-9	about good	\$25.00
22	VA1389A100	Stonega Coal & Coke, Imboden, VA & Harlan Co, KY	R-5	AU	\$7.50
23	WV3005A100	Boyer Smokeless Coal Co., Whitby, WV	R-9	fine	\$35.00
24	KY2479B1	Southern Harlan Coal Co., Rue, KY	R-6	fine	\$10.00
25	VA1233A100	H. E. Harman Coal Corp., Harman, VA	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
26	WV1957A50	Chaplin Supply Co., Morgantown, WV	R-8	very fine	\$20.00
27	KY2093A500	Nugym Store, Nugym, KY	R-6	very fine	\$10.00
28	KY1782A100	Stevens Elkhorn Fuel Corp., Manton, KY	R-6	fine	\$10.00
29	KY1323B1	High Splint Coal Co., High Splint, KY	R-5	fine	\$7.50
30	KY3041A500	Jellico Splint Coal Co., Williamsburg, KY	R-4	very fine	\$5.00
31	WV3043L5	Kenner McCoy., Williamson, WV	R-8	very fine	\$30.00
32	KY1157A100	Duncan Coal Co., Graham, KY	R-4	very fine	\$5.00
33	KY185B25	Beaver Dam Coal Co., Beaver Dam, KY	R-6	very fine	\$10.00
34	WV2375D500	Star Coal & Coke Co., Red Star, WV	R-9	AU	\$35.00
35	KY541A100	Crown Coal Co., Chevrolet, KY	R-7	fine	\$15.00
36	KY2999C10	Inland Steel Co., Wheelwright, KY	R-5	fine	\$7.50
37	KY3109A50	Harlan Fuel Co., Yancey, KY	R-8	fine	\$25.00
38	KY1835D1	New Alma Coal Co., McCarr, KY	R-7	fine	\$15.00
39	KY309F25	Blue Diamond Coal Co., Blue Diamond, KY	R-6	fine	\$10.00
40	WV2845H5	Sharps Store, Tunnelton, WV	R-9	very fine	\$25.00
41	TN1047D500	Fork Ridge Coal Mining Co., Fork Ridge, TN	R-7	very fine	\$15.00
42	IL2133A500	West Frankfort Mercantile Co., Orient, IL	R-4	very fine	\$7.50
43	KY1681G1	Black Gold Mining Co., Lowthair, KY	R-7	AU	\$12.00
44	KY901A25	R. T. Elswick & Co., Elhorn City, KY	R-8	fine	\$15.00
45	WV763F500	Youngstown Sheet & Tube Co., Dehue, WV	R-9	AU	\$35.00

Send bids to: Jack Chapman, 166 Chapman Rd., Shady Springs, WV 25918 (304) 763-5048

Lot#	Amount of Bid	Lot#	Amount of Bid
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Name: _____			
Address: _____			
City: _____, State: _____, Zip: _____			

Scrip and invoice will be mailed to winning bidders. Payment must be sent by return mail.

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# MEET...Charles Miller

*Each issue of **Scrip Talk** features a member of the NSCA. Please let us know if we may spotlight you in an upcoming issue, or if you would like to recommend a member of the club.*

Charlie Miller is one of those scrip collectors who was born into the hobby, so to speak.

Growing up in Perry County, Kentucky, Charlie's dad was a coal miner who worked in several mines in the Bulan and Hazard areas during Charlie's childhood. His first memories of the tokens are from going to the company commissary and receiving scrip towards his father's wages.

Although he did have a few pieces as an adult, it wasn't until Charlie actually left the area and moved to Indiana that he began to devote any serious energy to the hobby, especially after his retirement.

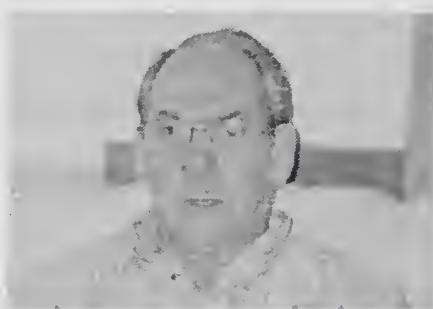
It was an article in Coin World magazine that first brought the NSCA to Charlie's attention, and he has remained a member ever since. He's a regular attendee at the club shows.

Ask Charlie what type of scrip he collects

and he answers, "Whatever hits my fancy." Shapes solids, cut-outs, different sizes...Charlie's scrip books are set up by visual interest, with different looking pieces arranged together. His collection numbers about 1000 pieces.

Charlie's favorite tokens are from Central Coal in DuPont, Kentucky. Not because it's especially rare, but because the design - rays shooting from the number in the center of the coin out to the edges—makes for a great looking piece.

Charlie had an uncle who worked as a miner at Clifftop, WV, and he would like to find a piece from the mine in that area. If you have one to trade or sell, or would just like to give Charlie a call to talk, you can reach him at (260) 502-7009.



*The spider looks for a merchant who doesn't advertise so he can spin a web across his door and lead a life of undisturbed peace.* --- Mark Twain

The best way to let folks know what you have—and what you want—is to tell them! The best way for NSCA members to find out what each other is collecting...or is looking to buy...or has to sell, is to do the very same thing. The "MEET..." feature in the next issue will give all our members a chance to spotlight their individual interests in scrip collecting.

Send us your name, one sentence on what you collect or want to buy or are selling, and how you like to be contacted [e-mail address, phone number, or mailing address]. This "phone book" style listing will give you an opportunity to get a quick overview of the interests and activities of your fellow members, and an easy way to contact those interested in the same things you are.

Send to nsca@coalmemories.com, or mail to the **Scrip Talk** address by January 30. Here's an idea of how it will look:

**Twain, Mark** - Interested in scrip from Jumping Frog Coal Company in Calaveras County. Contact at huck@samclemens.com

# REMEMBERING

**Harry “Jack” Livesay, Sr** of Mt. Clare, WV, passed away at the age of 79 on October 18, 2004, at United Hospital in Clarksburg.

Jack collected West Virginia coal scrip, lumber tokens, and merchant tokens; and was a long-time NSCA Member. He had a large collection of Clarksburg memorabilia, such as postcards and tokens. He enjoyed reading books about the history of Harrison County and of other towns in northern West Virginia.

I visited with Jack about once a year, the last time being just a few weeks before his passing. He was waiting for me on the front porch and we traded tokens. We didn't really trade, he gave me a few of his extras and I gave him a few of mine. We didn't count how many or the value. I once received a 1882-CC dollar from him as a Christmas gift. He was a generous and wonderful person.

Jack was a Marine veteran, serving in the Pacific Theater during WWII. He told me he was standing beside the Marines when the flag was raised in that famous photo on Iwo Jima. He worked as a coal miner for 23 years and loved to hunt and fish. He is survived by three sons and three daughters. Services were held October 26 with full military color guard.

~ Contributed by Donald K. Clifford

**James M Harvey** of Shady Spring, WV, passed away on December 16, 2004, following a sudden illness. Born on July 24, 1923, at Keystone in McDowell County he is survived by his wife Gladys, and three sons.

Mr. Harvey was a member of Perry Memorial Methodist Church. He was also a member of the NSCA for many years and enjoyed collecting scrip and attending the meetings. He was the first president of the **Appalachian Scrip & Token Association**, and was responsible for arranging that regular ASTA meetings would be held Perry Memorial.

I sold scrip to Mr. Harvey and bought scrip from him. He was an avid collector who would not pass up a good find, and was a fair man to trade with.

For several years Jim and I and a few local scrip collectors would meet for breakfast on Wednesday mornings. I miss those meetings, but most of all I miss the friends who are gone.

~ Contributed by Jack W. Chapman

Please alert **Scrip Talk** to the passing of any members of the NSCA whom we can honor by remembering.

# I'll be back!



*,,and we hope you will, too!*

Your dues are due! All memberships following the calendar year need to be renewed.

Also, please remember to promote the club to other potential members—the larger the organization, the more resources we will have to enjoy. New members also bring new energy and enthusiasm.

Remember, the club's Spring Show will be in April!



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## New Finds

If you find scrip that's not listed in either volume of the Edkins Catalogues, please let us know so that we can update the books and alert other collectors. All new finds [and any corrections for the Edkins guides] should go to:

**Bill Fugera 28732 Charreadas St Laguna Niguel, CA 92677**  
**e-mail: fugewilj@cox.net**

If you have access to a digital camera & the internet, please send clear pictures of both sides of the token to Bill, as well as any other pertinent information you might have about the piece. You may also make a foil impression of the coin and send that to Bill.

### **Recent New Finds Activity**

503, Preston County Supply, Cascade, WVA White Fiber, Round. No cut out, 10 cents  
A penny white fiber is listed.

1837, Thomas Coal Co, Mc Comas, W. VA , Nickel, Round , Cross cut out, \$1.00. ISC  
Des. Pat. In Mdse Only – Non Transferable. The listed \$1.00 pieces are made of brass.

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Free Ads are available to N.S.C.A. members at no charge. The only requirements being that they are limited to 4 lines, one ad per issue. You may send up to four different ads in one mailing. Deadline for Free Ads is three weeks after the postmark of the current issue of SCRIP TALK. All ads received after the deadline will be held for the following issue. No ad will rerun automatically, each issue will require a separate request. Paid ads should be sent to SCRIP TALK Editor and NOT the Free Ad Editor. SEND ALL FREE ADS TO: Steve Ratliff, N.S.C.A. Free Ad Editor, 1717 Saint Marys Bay Drive, Milton, Florida 32583-7343 or E-mail Steve@Ratliff.com {Note: + at the end of your ad indicates you need to renew it.)

WANTED: A PIECE OF SCRIP FROM VANETTA, WV - Fayette County (2879) any denomination. Walter Ayers, 428 Earl Dr NW, Warren, OH 44483-1116 phone 330-847-8052 +

WANTED: \$25 "FINDERS FEE" IS OFFERED for information leading to the purchase of KY, McHenry 1851 (Ohio) Beaver Dam / Coal Co. / Store Williams \$10.00. Bob Shown, 835 N. Madison Street, Beaver Dam, KY 42320 phone 270-274-4887 +

WANTED: KY 2687 STORM KING. BI-METAL Storm King Coal Mining Co. Inc. Send price and describe condition of scrip to: Charles Miller, 200W - 900N, Wawaka, IN 46794

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